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TWENTY MORE COUNTY, HOSPITAL WORKERS RECEIVE VACCINE **Total of 92 Volunteers Immunized As Part of Smallpox Vaccination Plan**

The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency has immunized 92 Public Health and hospital workers as part of its Smallpox Vaccination Plan, which got underway with the first round of vaccinations on Feb. 26.

A fifth round took place March 25, with one County Public Health Services (PHS) worker and 19 hospital workers volunteering to receive vaccinations. Hospital workers came from Tri-City Medical Center and Pomerado Hospital. A total of 41 PHS workers and 52 hospital workers have been vaccinated.

Following recent reports of vaccination volunteers experiencing heart problems, the Centers for Disease Control has recommended that volunteers who have been diagnosed with specific heart conditions, such as previous heart attacks, angina, congestive heart failure or cardiomyopathy, whether or not they are currently experiencing symptoms of those conditions, not get the vaccine at this time. Local volunteers have not reported any heart problems.

Those who receive the vaccine must be carefully screened to ensure their safety.

The County received 200 doses (two vials) of vaccine from the state in early February.

Editor's note: The San Diego Health and Human Services Agency will provide regular updates on smallpox vaccinations to local news media.

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